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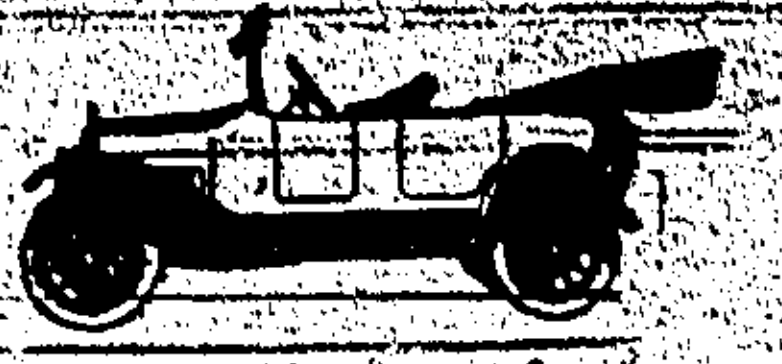
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TWO MILES OF PENNIES.

A long trail of pennies for the Red Cross funds was started by the mayor at Banbury Town Hall one morning, and by four in the afternoon the trail extended along two miles of kerbstones. The money was guarded by wounded soldiers. About £100 was raised by this plan, which was suggested by Mr. W. Thompson, a local tradesman.

CAMBRIDGE'S ROLL OF HONOUR.

Cambridge University has suffered heavily through the war. It sent 14,840 students into the Forces, and the casualties have been: Killed, 2,331; wounded, 5,154; while 472 are missing or prisoners. The war honours list of the university includes 10 V.O., 389 D.S.O.s, while 11 students have won the Distinguished Flying Cross, the list totalling 5,342 altogether.

GRAVES OF DECEASED PRISONERS.

In regard to complaint prisoners who have died or may die in India during the present war, it has been decided that reinforced concrete crosses shall be erected over the graves of all Christian and upright, with circular discs, upon which should be inscribed the emblem of the "Sign of David" with the Hebrew characters for "Zion" over the graves of Jewish soldiers. In the case of Mohammedans and other non-Christian soldiers, uprights with circular discs will be erected.

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Senator Marconi cannot be too highly congratulated on his latest triumph—sending a wireless message direct to Australia from Carnarvon, a distance of over 12,000 miles, almost double the previous record of 6,745 miles from Ottawa to Buenos Aires. So wonderful was his achievement that it has been called the greatest feat of the century. It is the first time that a message has been sent from one continent to another by wireless. The message was sent at 11 a.m. on December 14th, and was received at 11.15 a.m. at Carnarvon. The message was: "To the Hon. Mr. Justice Gavan Duffy, from Senator Marconi." The message was sent in 15 minutes, and was received in 15 minutes. The message was sent in 15 minutes, and was received in 15 minutes.

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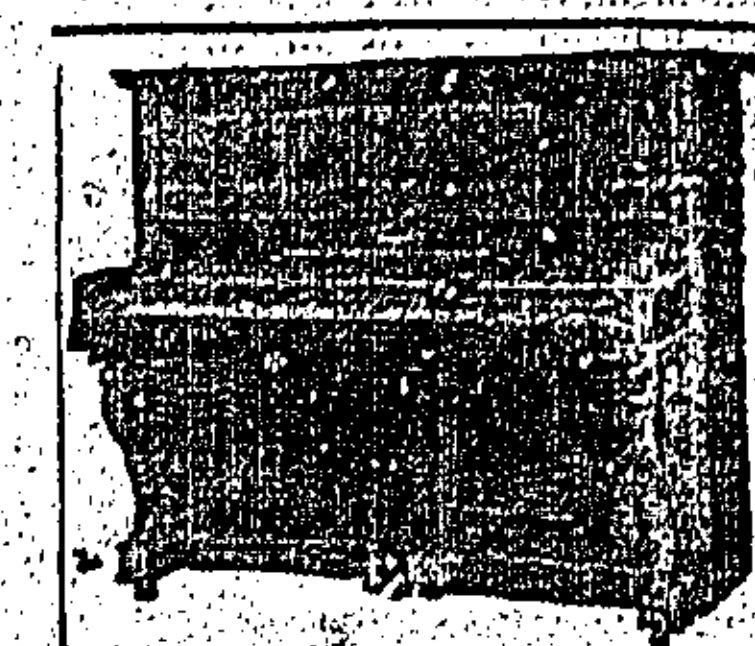
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BOOKS AS GARDENS OF WEEDS.

Plants that flourish in books have been studied by Dr. Pierre See, who has recently told the Paris Academy of Sciences of his discoveries. The plants are varieties of mold-fungi of a low order. When crowded together they produce spots and blemishes on the leaves, which show the characteristic colour of the fungi. The fact that these spots are due to microscopic vegetation was discovered more than thirty years ago by a Hungarian botanist, Jules Schaarschmidt, who scraped the surface of old paper money, and, transferring the deposit into a drop of water under a microscope, was able to establish the presence of plant growth. We quote from a descriptive article, contributed to "The Scientific American."

"Dr. See has not been content with so superficial a glance. In observing closely, under high magnification, each spot of an old book or of a more recent volume which has been sojourning in a damp place, these are seen to be composed of two parts—a rather dark central nucleus, generally made up of the vegetative members (technically known as the mycelium), and a lighter peripheral zone of more or less rounded contour, coloured by the secretions of the fungus and ordinarily, through diffusion of the pigment, visible on both sides of the sheet. Likewise the molds are found in stages of vegetation varying widely according to the circumstances under which they have been living.

Here, for example, is a book printed in 1913 and left for several months near a wet wall. If we turn the leaves, we observe in certain places on page 28 a greenish-yellow discoloration due to perfectly developed 'Chetomium.' The spots on page 29 came from contact with the preceding ones when the book was closed. Continuing our indoor botanical expedition, we discover, upon certain pages, some rose-coloured spots caused by 'Fusarium,' while the tiny points scattered about the surface of the paper represent 'Alternaria,' reduced to a form of encysted preservation. Other species of book molds, like 'Stachybotrys,' give spores which reveal themselves in the form of a black powder when the paper is torn. All these germs do not proceed from a late infection, but exist in the raw fibres of the paper-making material; for when we examine freshly manufactured paper, either by a direct light or by looking through it, we see here, too, spots of different forms, which are sometimes even sensible to the touch.

"When found upon ancient volumes dating several centuries back the lower fungi are dead and decayed; they may then be differentiated by simple examination only in case it is a matter of 'Chetomium' or of 'Acrostagium,' both of which leave a permanent characteristic spot. But if one heretizes in more recent volumes one will there discover mycelium elements still living and capable of developing into considerable areas.

So Dr. See, a gardener of a new sort, has systematically cultivated mycelium collected from various sources. It is necessary to have his 'seeds' as he says, as possible, under pain of seeing his small 'beds' overrun by all sorts of weeds—common molds. For his cultures he uses various media—carrots or potatoes, licorice, gelatin, paper, or wood; and he keeps them in tubes, in boxes, and in other small 'greenhouses' of glass. Frequently he employs licorice roots, with the cork bark peeled off to lay-bare the yellow sapwood, whose tissues contain glycyrrhizin, a sweet substance very favourable to mold growth. Before 'planting' he heats the culture in an autoclave to 120 degrees, maintaining this temperature for an hour, in order to kill the parasitic spores."

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Much interest has been aroused over a film of Mr. Lloyd George's life, which is just being completed. The career of the Prime Minister lends itself admirably to picture purpose, for it is full of drama and even romance. The story, which has been written by Sir Sidney Low, lecturer on Imperial and Colonial history, King's College, University of London, and made into a film by the well-known producer, Mr. Maurice Elvey, has been worked out with minute accuracy, and will form not only a highly attractive picture drama, but a permanent record of the Prime Minister. It is calculated that as many as 50,000 people appear in the film, which has been made by the Ideal Film Renting Co., Ltd., 70-72, Wardour-street, W. 1.

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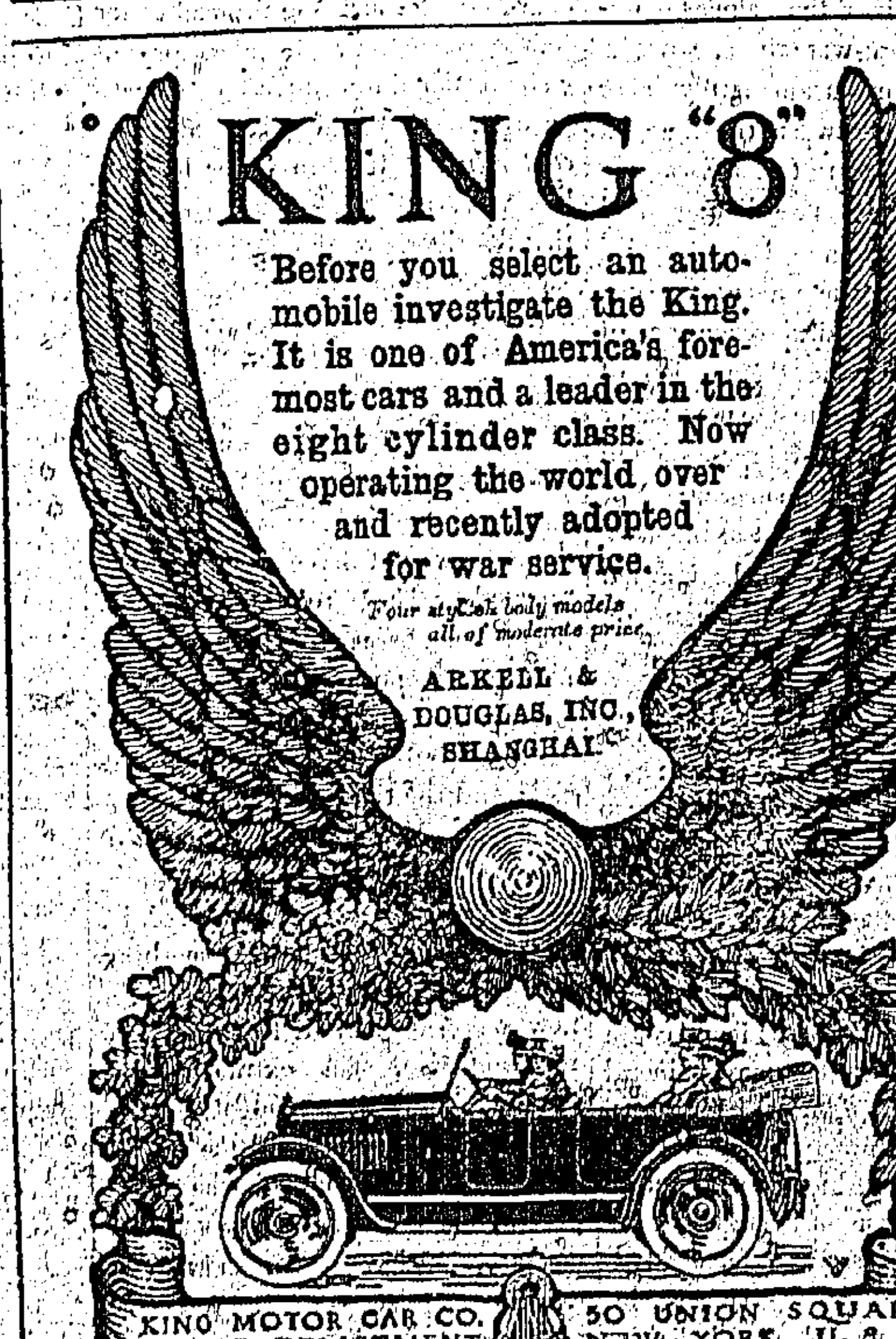
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THE ASTORIA'S CREW.

The "Shanghai Gazette" of Dec. 10th says: The officers and crew of the motor schooner "Astoria," who had the misfortune to lose their ship through the fire that destroyed their ship, are to leave Shanghai on Wednesday en route to the Pacific Coast. They go via Hongkong, at which port, it is understood, they will man the motor schooner "Astoria," which has been there for some time and is now ready for the return voyage.

CALIFORNIA ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

The California Oriental Steamship Co., which was established in San Francisco some time ago on a capital of \$1,000,000, is provided for by Mr. Henry Smith, a San Francisco shipping agent. According to the remarks of the President, the company intends to operate between San Francisco and Oriental ports with a number of large cargo boats, and the company will be opened to business in a few months. The names of the capitalists interested in the company are kept from publication, but it is surmised that a Norwegian capitalist at San Francisco represented by Mr. Smith is deeply interested in the new venture.

CHINA MERCHANTS' CANTON WHARF.

The wharf formerly occupied by the 4th Wing of the China Merchants' Navigation Company on the Bund West, near Shamshu, has been taken over by the Commissioning Yang Wing-tai of Finance for sale as a site for the redemption of the bank notes of the Bank of China. The managing director of the navigation company, Chen Nei-to, has protested against the sale of the wharf on the ground that it has been registered with the Government for a term of 100 years. The company tries to buy this wharf but the Commission's price was too high.

The 1st Wing has gone to Shanghai for repair, and will not be back to Canton till next month.

THE GERMAN MERCHANT MARINE.

Was Germany's prompt response to the Spanish vote due to Chile's action in selling German tonnage interest in her harbours, amounting to a total of over half a million gross tons? It is probable that with the Allies' sweeping forward on every front Spain may not much longer submit to having her merchant marine ruled by a U. S. policy, even if an interested German ship replaces such one for the period of the war. These considerations must be present in the mind of anyone who studies a recent official estimate of the present position of Germany's merchant marine, which seems to be worth mentioning.

amounted to 1,396,000 tons. It is probable that it has shrunk to 1,300,000 tons. To the remaining 1,259,000 tons it adds 974,300 tons, intended in normal ports. But of this total, three parts have disappeared in Chile and only one part has appeared in Chile and only one part has appeared in Chile.

According to the figures given there are in German ports 1,259,000 tons, to which is added 974,300 tons of new construction, in which are included the vessels built to the order of the Norddeutscher Lloyd Company, two parts of 15,000 tons, and two cargo carriers of 15,000 tons. Apparently, Germany has after the war, a total of 2,233,300 tons, a very formidable total to enter the international shipping competition. For leaving British out of consideration, the United States has now a tonnage of 9,511,915 tons for sea-going purposes, and promises more long tonnage in the future.

Canada and Australia are both greatly adding to the tonnage carrying power. Germany has not only set the maritime nations against the shipbuilding war, but has created new power in the world.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
(Continued from Page 1.)

RAILWAY NATIONALISATION FOR BRITAIN.

LONDON, December 10th.
Mr. Winston Churchill, referring to the Nationalisation Bill, said that it might be expedient for the State to run the railways without profit, in order to develop industries and agriculture.
Land settlement, new industries, and the extension of production could not be organised unless the State controlled transportation. He did not think the Nationalisation Bill would be delayed until the Royal Commission of Inquiry was over the country.
A great mass of information was already available and much could be accomplished.

JAPANESE IN TURKEY.

PARIS, December 10th.
The Japanese steamer *Nishiki*, flying the flag of Rear-Admiral Sato, with two torpedo boats, arrived at Constantinople on December 9th.

BRITISH TROOPS NOT "PRETENTIOUS."

AMSTERDAM, December 10th.
The *Colony Gazette*, referring to the British Occupation, says that the troops appear unpretentious.
The Commander of the British Cavalry refrained from closing the bridges to pedestrians and tram-cars. He also refrained from posting up decrees obliging civilians to raise their hats to officers, regulating the hours of restaurants, restricting the Press, etc.
He told the Upper Burgomaster that he would interfere as little as possible with prevailing customs.

GERMAN LANGUAGE PROHIBITED.

Metz, December 13th.
In the "barrage" of disturbances, on December 7th, German shop-windows were smashed and goods looted.
The French authorities are acting drastically against the offenders, some of whom are Germans.
The public use of the German language is prohibited.
After 10 p.m. the French colours must be saluted in accordance with the custom prevailing in France.

AN AMERICAN COMMUNIST STATES.

We have crossed the Rhine and occupied the Coblenz bridgehead.

FRENCH SPEECHES.

PARIS, December 11th.
A Havas message says:—
Eloquent speeches on the visit of the Government to Alsace-Lorraine were made in the Chamber of Deputies.
M. Clemenceau said that though the people of Alsace-Lorraine had endured martyrdom for 46 years their spirit remained unconquerable and worthy of victory. The whole nation had returned to life—an example of determination enabling men to sacrifice the greatest material things for an ideal.

FRENCH GUN BOATS TO RHINE.

PARIS, December 13th.
A French flotilla of gun-boats and motor-launches is going to the Rhine. It will be divided into five groups.

FRENCH LITERARY AWARD.

PARIS, December 11th.
A Havas message states:—
The "Goncourt Prize" has been awarded to M. Georges Du Hamel for his book "Civilisation." M. Du Hamel served during the war as an Army Surgeon.

SILVER QUIET.

LONDON, December 13th.
The silver market is steady.
LONDON, December 13th.
The silver market is quiet.

BRITISH WARSHIP AT KIEL.

AMSTERDAM, December 13th.
A telegram from Kiel states that the British warship *Devonport* is in port. She has been ordered to the Canal and was expected at Kiel yesterday evening.
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CHRISTMAS CHEER.

The Rev. F. G. B. Hastings, B.N. Hon. Treasurer, E. F. F. acknowledges with thanks the following contributions to the Christmas Fund:
Hon. Mr. E. H. Sharpe, E.O. 25
Mrs. G. S. Archibald 20
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Previously Acknowledged 2,295.40
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TENNIS.

At the Ladies Recreation Club this afternoon Mrs. Armstrong (L.A.C.) beat Mrs. Miller (W.C.). The result was 6-1.

UNNECESSARY WORDS.

WHY the word "unpleasant" is unnecessary in describing the many cases of mental illness is shown by the fact that the word "unpleasant" is not found in the medical dictionary. The word "unpleasant" is a mere synonym for "unpleasant" and is not a medical term. The word "unpleasant" is a mere synonym for "unpleasant" and is not a medical term. The word "unpleasant" is a mere synonym for "unpleasant" and is not a medical term.

POLICE RESERVE BOXING TOURNAMENT.

SPLENDID EVENING'S SPORT.

That the Colony has a many boxing enthusiasts is shown by the large crowd assembled at the City Hall on Saturday evening to witness the first boxing tournament of the season, the proceeds of which will be added to the fund for the purchase of the late Sergeant "Blackie" who was a very reliable and popular member of the force.

By nine o'clock the theatre was full, and a quarter of an hour later, when H.E. the Officer Administering the Government arrived, there was scarcely standing room. Amongst those present were H.E. Major-General Ventres, Sir William, Mrs. Davies, E.O. Commodore V. G. Gurner, Mr. Justice Gompertz, Hon. Messrs. G. McL. Messer, E. D. G. Wolla, E. H. Sharpe, D. Landale, S. H. Dodwell, P. H. Holyoak and Capt. Edwards, Messrs. N. J. Stubb, Eldon Potter, A. O. Lang and numerous others.

An amusing incident occurred soon after the excitement arrived. Mr. Widdie stepped into the ring and announced the first bout. Just as he had done so the electric light went out, leaving the theatre in a pitch of darkness.

For five minutes the gathering shouted and sang itself hoarse, and cries of "What's the matter with Lang?" "Where's his light?" created much of laughter. Eventually the Police Reserve Band entertained the gathering till the light reappeared, when the serious side of the day's proceedings began.

The following was the programme of the boxing.

Part I.

- 1.—Band of the Police Reserve (Bandmaster da Costa).
- 2.—Six Round Featherweight Contest: Gannor-Sainsbury, v. Private Johnson, (Army).
- 3.—Six Round Featherweight Contest: Private Windelken, v. Seaman Danvers, (Navy).
- 4.—Six Round Middleweight Contest: Stoker Brown, v. Private Morrison, (Army).
- 5.—Special Fifteen Round Contest for the Middleweight Championship of the Colony. Leading Seaman Lucas, v. Seaman Cox, (Navy).

INTERVAL OF 10 MINUTES.

Band of the Police Reserve.

Part II.

- 6.—Six Round Welter-weight Contest: Private Finlay, v. Leading Stoker: Houchin, (Army).
- 7.—Extra Special Twenty Round Contest for the Bantamweight Championship of the Colony. Stoker Petty Officer Amy, v. Stoker Neighbours, (Navy).

GOD SAVE THE KING.

Taken altogether the boxing was good though there were many who had the opinion that they had seen better boxing on previous occasions. In some of the contests there was some grunting which was taken in a very plucky manner though there was a marked absence of any real scientific boxing. The first bout was scarcely of an exciting nature while in the second one of the contestants was disqualified for a foul. He was genuinely surprised at the referee's decision and judging from the noise made in the house the decision was a most unpopular one. The third bout was good as an example of pluck though it is only fair to say the boxing was good too. But it was really a struggle between age and youth as the Army man was much older than his opponent. But though the decision was not in his favor he is to be congratulated on his fight.

The special fifteen-round contest for the middle-weight championship of the Colony last month of its interest by an enforced change in the personnel a few days before the tournament. Stoker Saunders, who was to have met Leading Seaman Lucas in this event was declared medically unfit and in a very sporting manner Seaman Cox came forward to take his place. Cox was a good fighter but he was in need of further training. He got many hard hits in on Lucas but at last he got careless and Lucas gave him one blow that almost put him to sleep.

Another six-round contest in which a Navy man introduced some "shadow" boxing into the arena, much to the amusement of the spectators, was followed by the 20-round contest between S. P. O. Amy and Stoker Neighbours. This was to have been for the bantam-weight championship of the Colony, but Neighbours took the scales at 190 pounds, 24 pounds more than the bantam-weight standard and it was, therefore, announced that the contest did not carry with it the Colony's bantam-weight honours. Perhaps it was because of this that Neighbours gave in in the fifth round after having had the best of the fight up to that time.

Mr. H. J. Godge acted as referee while Sergeant Pitt and Mr. A. B. Allen fulfilled the duties of timekeepers.

During an interval, Sergeant Pitt offered for auction the tiger dog which belonged to the late Sergeant Lindell. It was bought first by Mr. Linton for \$50, who gave it back to be put up again. The animal was then sold for \$100 to Mr. H. J. Godge, who gave it back to be put up again. The animal was then sold for \$100 to Mr. H. J. Godge, who gave it back to be put up again. The animal was then sold for \$100 to Mr. H. J. Godge, who gave it back to be put up again.

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SEARCHES OF OPINION.

A HEAVY FINE IMPOSED.

Several of the members of opinion have been fined by the Revenue and Police Commissioners for the offence of being drunk. The first of these was a man named John, who was fined \$100 for being drunk. The second was a man named Smith, who was fined \$50 for being drunk. The third was a man named Jones, who was fined \$25 for being drunk. The fourth was a man named Brown, who was fined \$10 for being drunk. The fifth was a man named White, who was fined \$5 for being drunk.

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FOOTBALL.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

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A LITTLE DEMONSTRATION.

On the Naval Ground, the Royal Engineers effected a draw with South China Athletic Club.

The Club were disappointed on Saturday, losing after enjoying the bulk of the play. The early part of the game was a contest between the Club forwards and the R.E.A. defence, and Reichmann and McTavish shot several times, but found that Taylor in the R.E.A. goal was on the alert each time, and a very capable custodian. The R.E.A. did not have many opportunities of making Gerrard's acquaintance in the Club goal, and it was rather annoying to them when Black twice deliberately handled the ball when making for

COMMERCIAL.

MONT NICKEL CO., LTD.

The adjourned fourth ordinary general meeting of the Mont Nickel Company, Ltd., was held on the 26th September, at 89, Victoria Street, S.W., Mr. Robert Mond, J.P. (the Chairman), presiding.

The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the accounts, congratulated the shareholders on the satisfactory results obtained by last year's trading. He said that if the company's developments had not been hindered by the war the profits might have been considerably improved, assuming that they had been able to place their products at pre-war prices. He pointed out the fact that the company were essentially a mining, smelting, and refining company. The company possessed good mines, and was one of the pioneers in developing the mineral resources of the British Empire. Dealing with the balance sheet, the Chairman said that the balance to the credit of the profit and loss account was £531,840, which was an increase of £100,000 over the previous year's figure. The available balance was £105,851, as compared with £410,188 last year. An interim dividend on the ordinary capital of 1s. per share was paid on February 5, 1918, subject to deduction of income tax, and a further dividend was paid on July 30 as 1s. per share, free of income tax. The directors proposed to place £250,000 to reserve account and to carry forward, including provision for part of war taxation, £118,251. In view of the very uncertain conditions which might prevail after the war, the directors felt that it was in the best interests of the shareholders to provide for any unforeseen contingencies by strengthening the position of the company. As to the general situation, the industry carried on by the company was one of those "key industries" which were of vital importance to the country. The use of nickel in its various forms, and of copper sulphate for the preservation of our food plants, was of the utmost value for the maintenance of our country, and he wished to lay stress on the advantages accruing from the possession of an important refinery of Canadian ores situated in this country. Not only did the company employ British labour, but they provided a large reserve of those essential materials which would safeguard this country against any temporary interruption of the regular supply from any cause whatsoever. In conclusion, the Chairman said that if we were to be successful in our efforts to supply German trade, both in home and foreign markets, we should get ready to do so now. This company was ready to do its full share in that direction, and to enable it to do so they only wanted a fair field and no favours.

Sir Robert A. Hadfield, Bart., seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

MOUNT AUSTIN (JOHORE) RUBBER ESTATES, LTD.

The eighth ordinary general meeting was held, on September 30th, at 38, Leakey, E.C., Sir Ernest W. Birch, K.C.M.G., presiding.

The Chairman said that he explained the process by which the capital was increased and the Debentures wiped out at an extraordinary meeting on February 24, and it was further explained in the report presented on that day; so he would say no more than reiterate the fact that the item of £12,000 for Debenture Interest would now cease. The capital has been increased from £450,000 to £500,000. Last year the net amount of profit from sales of rubber was shown as £24,581. This year the gross amount was shown, and from it were deducted the cost of production and the transit and selling charges, the net result being a profit of £20,880. This resumed of the accounts was that they began this financial year with a balance of £27,654 to the credit of profit and loss account, and that they ended it with a balance of £20,014. Last year a dividend of 15 per cent. less tax, was distributed. The proposal of the directors as to the utilisation of the available sum of £20,014 was shown in the report. Last year they harvested 1,428,280 lbs. of rubber at an "all-in" cost of 1s. 4d. This year the output was 2,208,577 lbs. at a cost of 1s. 4d. The cost of production per lb. was greater by three farthings, and the gross selling price was low by sixpence; so, though they had harvested 870,297 lbs. of rubber more than in the previous year, they obtained about £700 less for their output. The estimated output was 2,200,000 lbs., and that was exceeded by 87,577 lbs. The bulk of this increase was obtained from the Mount Austin division. At March 31 the estate measured 10,927 acres, and 77,649 trees of planted rubber, with 177,649 trees, were being tapped, of which over 100,000 were now trees "taken in." The vast majority of the trees were, tapped on the conservative system of once-a-third and one in quarter cut. The yield per acre was still small, the highest yield being 340 lbs. on Mount Austin division, but all the divisions show satisfactory progress as compared with the year ended March 31, 1917. There was every reason to expect a steady increase in the output for a number of years. The Chairman concluded his report by saying that he continued during the year, and he had a confident view with regard to the future.

The report was unanimously adopted and the following dividend of 15 per cent. less tax, was distributed.

HONGKONG DEFENCE CORPS.

Administrative Order by Major H. A. Morgan, Administrative Commandant.

The Commandant records, with deep regret, the death of Seppur J. Wan, Engineer Company, on 8th December, 1918.

APPRECIATION OF SERVICE.

The following Routine Order, dated 5.12.18 is re-published for information.

"On the suspension of the Examination Service for the first time since the outbreak of War, the General Officer Commanding wishes to place on record his appreciation of the services rendered by the Artillery and the Electric Search Light Engineers, both Regular and Local, during the whole period of the War."

"For more than four long years the Searchlights have kept their ceaseless vigil by night supported by the Batteries, and it is probably due to their assistance by the Navy by the faithful performance of this 'redoubtable and monotonous duty' that this harbour has been immune from any untoward incident through enemy action."

"The Major-General is also mindful of the fact that the Searchlight members of the Hongkong Defence Corps on every tour of duty have had to perform their ordinary daily avocations of life after scarcely half a night's rest, and to them his thanks are specially due."

APPOINTMENTS.

No. 792 Pte. W. H. Hewitt and No. 804 Pte. P. H. Rolfe, Signalling Section, to be Lance-Corporals, dated 11 December, 1918.

LEAVE.

Lieut. J. Owen-Hughes, is granted four months' extension of leave, from 18.1.19.

Pte. H. Seth, Mounted Section, is granted six months' leave, on business, from 6.12.18.

Pte. A. H. Barlow, "B" Company, is granted six months' leave, on business, from 13.12.18.

Pte. N. S. Brown, "B" Company, is granted 21 months' leave, on business, to date from day of departure.

Pte. K. H. Digby, "A" Company, is granted 10 months' leave, on business, to date from day of departure.

EXAMINATION FOR PROMOTION.

No names of candidates will be received after 10 a.m. on Monday, 16th December.

Orders for Artillery Company, by Captain J. H. W. Armstrong, V.D.

PARADES AT BELLEVUE BATTERY.

Monday, 16th Dec.—5.00 p.m. Left Half Coy. New D.R.F. Class, Examination. 5.15 p.m. Left Half Coy. Full drill.

Tuesday, 17th Dec.—7.30 a.m. Right Half Coy. New Layers' Class only.

Friday, 20th Dec.—7.30 a.m. Right Half Coy. Full drill. 5.15 p.m. Left Half Coy. New Layers' Class only.

Orders for Engineer Company, by Captain W. Russell.

NOTICES.

The Committee appointed in connection with the Company Dinner, will meet at Headquarters on Monday, 18th Dec., at 5.30 p.m.

Members of the Engineer Company desirous of practising for the Corps Rifle Meeting are notified that King's Park Range will be open to them on Saturdays from 2.30 p.m. and on Sundays from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Other days when the Range is not required for Musketry can be arranged by giving one day's notice. Ammunition must be provided by members themselves.

Orders for Infantry Battalion by Major H. A. Morgan.

PARADES.

"A" COMPANY.

Tuesday, 17th Dec.—5.30 p.m. Nos. 1, 2, 8 and 4 Platoons on Polo Ground. Company drill. Dress, drill order. Hongkong residents parade outside Cricket Club at 5.10 p.m. and proceed by train to Causeway Bay.

Tuesday, 17th Dec.—4.15 p.m. No. 7 Platoon (except N.O.G.) and men who wish to fire at Quarry Bay, at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course, Part 3, Practices 15 and 16. Dress, drill order with pouches.

MUSKETRY COURSE.

Monday, 16th, Tuesday, 17th, Wednesday, 18th, Thursday, 19th and Friday, 20th Dec.—4.30 p.m. At Kennedy Road Range, N.O.G. and men as ordered. Dress, clean fatigue suit, shoes, and pouches.

Friday, 20th Dec.—2.10 p.m. Nos. 1 and 4 Gun Teams at Kowloon Decade. Hongkong residents proceed by launch from Statue Pier at 2.30 p.m. Dress, as above.

Mounted Section.

Wednesday, 18th Dec.—4.15 p.m. At King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course, Part 4, Practices 14 and 15. Dress, drill order with pouches.

Friday, 20th Dec.—4.15 p.m. At King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course, Part 5, Practices 16 and 17. Dress, as above.

COMBAT.

Tuesday, 17th Dec.—Nos. 1 and 2 Sections at Headquarters. Musketry instruction. Dress, drill order with pouches and quiver.

Friday, 20th Dec.—4.15 p.m. Nos. 3 and 4 Sections at Headquarters. Musketry instruction. Dress, drill order with pouches and quiver.

Tuesday, 17th and Friday, 20th Dec.—5.15 p.m. Recruits of all units, except "D" Company, at Headquarters, under Sergeants O'Leary, (Tuesday) and Edmunds (Friday). Dress, drill order.

Orders for Cadet Company, by 2nd Lieut. J. H. W. Armstrong.

CAMP.

The Company will go down to Camp at Loru on the 30th December, 1918, and return on the 11th January, 1919. Further particulars "later." Attendance at Camp for the whole period is compulsory.

SUNDAYS.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

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THE GENERAL ELECTION.

COALITION PROGRAMME.

LONDON, December 15th. The Coalition Headquarters states that the five points in the Premier's programme are: (1) The soldiers return home as soon as possible, (2) fair treatment for ex-soldiers and ex-sailors, (3) better housing and better social conditions, (4) Labour Prospects, (5) Labour Prospects.

LABOUR PROSPECTS.

LONDON, December 15th. Mr. Lloyd George, in a statement on the eve of the poll, said he wished to make it indisputably clear that he stood for abolition of conscription in the Armies of all lands, otherwise the Peace Conference would be a failure and a sham.

Any British Delegation to the Conference must labour to secure this object. The Labourites are now more confident of securing more than the 130 seats which they originally estimated.

The Coalitionists will concede to Labour a minimum of 50 seats.

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SCANDINAVIA AND RUSSIA.

BREAKING OFF RELATIONS.

CHRISTIANIA, December 15th. The *Alten Posten* states that the Norwegian Legation has ordered for Norway shortly. It is also reported that Denmark is about to break off connections with the Soviet Russia.

STOCKHOLM, December 15th. The *Dagens Nyheter* says that negotiations are proceeding in Stockholm with a view to the establishment of a new Government in Russia immediately the Bolsheviks are overthrown. The ex-Russian Premier, M. Trepoff, has arrived here.

STOCKHOLM, December 15th. It appears that M. Trepoff is negotiating with four other Russian moderates with a view to forming a new Government.

STOCKHOLM, December 15th. The report of the formation of a new Russian Government, under M. Trepoff, is authoritatively denied.

STOCKHOLM, December 15th. A telegram from Petrograd states that, according to an official Ukrainian source, General Kusski and Radkoff were shot by order of the Soviet of the town of Piasporsk.

NO CONSCRIPTION.

EVEN IF CONTINENTAL CONTINUE.

LONDON, December 15th. The *Evening Standard* is authorized to state that Mr. Lloyd George will press forward the abolition of conscription in Great Britain even if he is unsuccessful in inducing the Continental Powers at the Peace Conference to do so.

MEDAL FOR MERCHANT MARINE.

LONDON, December 15th. The King has approved the grant of a silver medal to the Mercantile Marine for war services.

IRONWORKERS.

LONDON, December 15th. After conferring with the men at Newcastle yesterday, the Iron and Steel Trades Employers' Association decided to recommend their Associations to concede an "eight-hour day."

WAR BONDS WITHDRAWN.

LONDON, December 15th. The Treasury announces that the present issue of War Bonds will be withdrawn early in January. Exchange has been continuing but later issues of bonds will not carry the present conversion rights.

NO CHRISTMAS NEWSPAPERS.

LONDON, December 15th. The English newspapers will publish neither on Christmas Day nor on Boxing Day.

BOXING TOURNAMENT.

LONDON, December 15th. There was a great Army and Navy Boxing Tournament at the Albert Hall in the afternoon. The prize was a silver cup. The winners were the British and the American teams.

NEW SWISS PRESIDENT.

BERNE, December 15th. Doctor Gustave Ador, Honorary President of the International Red Cross, has been elected President of Switzerland for 1919.

INTERNED GREEKS ESCAPE.

PARIS, December 15th. M. Gouraris, ex-Premier of Greece and Colonel Metaxas, who were interned at Algeira since June, 1917, have escaped. It was intended to take them to Athens for trial.

MEXICO PRO-ALLY.

MEXICO CITY, December 15th. The events in Europe have profoundly modified Mexico's international policy. The Mexican Cabinet has been remodelled in a pro-ally sense.

MALAYA PRAISED.

LONDON, December 15th. The newspapers appreciatively record the Malay States' further contribution of 25,482 to the King's Fund for Sailors, making a total contribution of nearly £25,000.

ENGLAND TO INDIA BY AIR.

LONDON, December 15th. An aeroplane with crew of six left Ipswich yesterday for a flight to Karachi and Delhi.

RESTORING BRITISH SHIPS.

AMSTERDAM, December 15th. A telegram from Hamburg states that all interned British merchantmen in German ports will be assembled at Kiel, where they will be manned by German crews and proceed to British ports.

RATTAN.

The American Consul-General at Hongkong has received instructions from Washington to the effect that all import restrictions on rattan in its various forms and reeds including cases have been removed by the War Trade Board of the United States.

INSTRUCTIONS HAVE ALSO BEEN RECEIVED INDICATING THAT THE LIST OF RESTRICTED IMPORTS NO. 1 AND 2 HAVE BEEN AMENDED AS TO ITEMS 22, 27, AND 185 SO AS TO PERMIT THE LICENSING OF IMPORTS OF COTTON LACES AND LACE ARTICLES, SOY BEANS, EGGS, HAIR, AND LACE NETTINGS ORIGINATING IN AND COMING FROM CHINA.

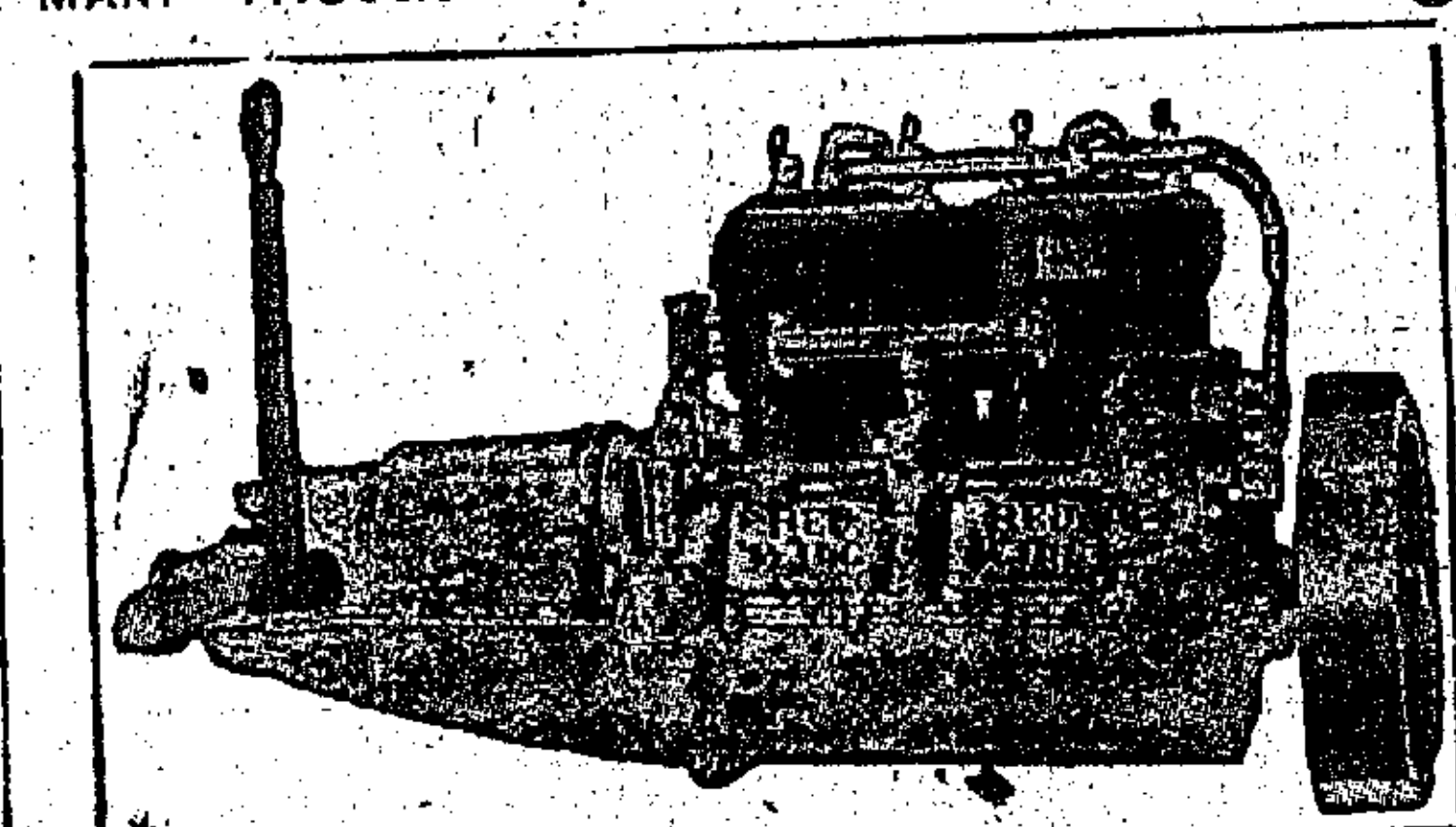
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COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

No. S. 337.—It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in duplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for Quarries", will be received at this Office until Noon on Wednesday, the 18th day of December, 1918, for the letting of the undermentioned Granite Quarries at Hongkong, Kowloon, and the New Territories, for one year from the 1st January, 1919.

Each tender must be accompanied by a receipt to the effect that the tenderer has deposited in the Colonial Treasury a sum as stated in the schedule hereunder opposite to each quarry, as a pledge of the bona fides of his offer, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown, if the tenderer refuses to carry out of his tender and comply with the conditions hereinafter contained, should the tender be accepted.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

Forms of tender can be obtained from the Director of Public Works.

PARTICULARS OF THE QUARRIES.

Quarry Lot No.	Approximate Area in Acres.	Deposit required with tender.
Tsai Tsz Mai No. 2	12.02	250
Shaukiwan Nos. 3 and 4	73.90	900
Hok On No. 6	8.44	700
Ma Tau Kok No. 7	6.70	200
Do. No. 8	4.60	500
Jordan Road No. 10	2.98	130
Yau-mat No. 11	2.00	300
Ngau Tau Kok No. 6	10.12	350
Do. Nos. 14, 7, 8, 10, 19, 20 & 25	3.90	100
Do. Nos. 9, 11-14, 21 & 22	24.56	800
Chai Kwo Ling Nos. 1-30	16.53	140
Sai Toi Nos. 1-16	26.44	600
Lyemun Nos. 1-25	2.10	40
Do. No. 26	4.29	250
Fuk Tsun, Heung No. 12	2.35	40
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WEATHER REPORT.

December 16th 1918. 7 a.m.—No returns from Japan, Vladivostok, Indo-China and Manila. Pressure has decreased slightly to moderately, the anticyclone having moved eastward. The monsoon will continue to blow freshly over the Formosa Channel and the N. China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. today, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 101.58 inches against an average of 82.54 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on the 17th December:—

1.—Hongkong to Cap Rock: N.E. winds, fresh; cloudy, occasional rain. 2.—Formosa Channel: The same as No. 1. 3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamood: The same as No. 1. 4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: The same as No. 1.

ROYAL OBSERVATORY HONGKONG, DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

DECEMBER 16, 1918.—a.m.

Station.	Floor.	Barometer at Sea Level.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind Direction. Force.	Weather.
Virinstock...	6a.	—	—	—	—	—
Memuro...	5a.	—	—	—	—	—
Hakodadi...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tokio...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kochi...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nagasaki...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kagoshima...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Oshima...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Naha...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ishijima...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bonin Island...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wakaido...	6a.	30.59	24	94	—	0
Hankow...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ichang...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kinshing...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Changhai...	—	30.11	48	100	x	2
Shanghai...	—	30.23	50	108	sw	4
Gutzlaff...	—	—	58	88	w	1
Sharp Pk...	—	—	52	83	w	2
Amoy...	—	30.06	62	—	—	—
Swatow...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Taihoeki...	5a.	30.04	64	94	ENE	2
Tsushima...	—	30.02	61	—	—	0
Tsushima...	—	30.01	66	—	—	4
Koshu...	—	30.09	72	—	ENE	2
Pescadore...	—	30.04	64	—	ENE	6
Canton...	6a.	30.05	62	100	—	—
Hongkong...	—	30.01	64	92	—	5
Gap Rock...	—	30.05	64	98	—	5
Macao...	—	30.08	64	94	ENE	4
Wuchow...	6a.	—	—	—	—	—
Pakhoi...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hoihoi...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Phulien...	7a.	—	—	—	—	—
Tourane...	—	—	—	—	—	—
C. St. James...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Amoy...	6a.	—	—	—	—	—
Dagupan...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Manila...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Legapi...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tacloian...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Iloilo...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Surigao...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Guam...	6.30	—	—	—	—	—
Labuan...	6a.	29.78	78	81	sw	4